

October 24, 2006

Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals – 445 12th Street, SW
Washington, CD 20554

RE: WC Docket No. 06-74 – Support for AT&T/BellSouth Merger

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Riviera Beach and similar communities are striving to improve the quality of life for current and future residents through concerted redevelopment efforts. A large part of our challenge in pursuing this in a holistic fashion is bridging the “digital divide”. As we work toward building a better physical environment, we must also construct an improved and more accessible information infrastructure. As an African-American serving a predominantly African-American community I know first hand that if the commitments proposed by the AT&T/BellSouth merger are fulfilled, great progress in this area will be made. Based upon my firm belief in the above, I urge your expeditious approval of the proposed AT&T/BellSouth merger.

Sincerely,

Floyd T. Johnson
Executive Director

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